

Important dates
for your
calendar:

1. Friday, May 24th:

All day trip to Amneville Zoo We will be looking for chaperones to join us.

23. Friday, June 14th:

Lower School sports day at ISL this year

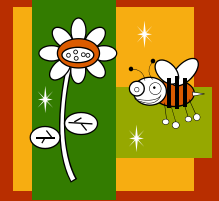
4 Summer Birthday Celebrations will be organized by each teacher during the last week.

5. Wed., June 19th:

11.30-12.00 Animal presentation for parents in our classrooms. (lunchtime-2.00p.m.)
End of year picnic in Merl Park. (More details as we get closer).

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with our play last term. The costumes, props and face painting were wonderful and made the students feel like special Superstars!

Grade 1 News



GRADES

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SUMMER

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English and Mathematics in May and June

English

1. Reading:

Guided reading will continue but with the emphasis on comprehension skills and practice with applying the phonic skills we have learnt so far. This will improve general reading fluency, reading confidence and independence. We spent considerable time reading our play scripts and are now focusing on stories by several different authors. We will also be reading lots of non-fiction books about animals over the coming weeks.

2. Writing:

We continue to develop the skills we need to become successful authors. We will be planning and writing our own stories. Regular writing practice and feedback will continue along with a focus on gathering information and report writing for our animals unit.

We are also working on learning Nelson cursive print, spelling patterns and phonics.

Mathematics

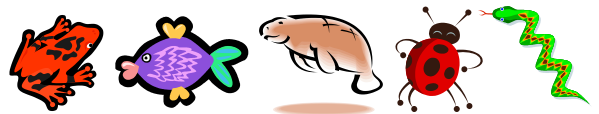
1. Fractions: we are looking at fractional amounts of shape, number and time.

2. Measuring capacity: we will follow our learning about weight with learning about liquid measures (litres and millilitres).

3. A return to graphs: collecting data and then translating this into a graph. We will also practice our ability to read the information on graphs.

4. We have introduced vertical addition of 2 digit numbers with and without regrouping. We will work on vertical subtraction without regrouping. We will also work on problem solving using addition and subtraction strategies.

Learning about animals



In the coming weeks we will be learning about 6 animal classifications: insects, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. We will learn about the characteristics of animals in these groups and how these animals can also belong to other groups including vertebrate or invertebrate and the carnivore, herbivore and omnivore groups. This learning will provide students with the skills to gather information and then write a report. We will use graphic organizers to capture our information and then create a report based on the information we gather from a variety of sources including the Animals Pathfinder, videos and non-fiction books. We will need to learn how to find information in these sources and then identify the key points. We will present what we have learnt to other classes in school time. There will be several trips to support our learning including Amneville Zoo, and the local Woodlands Forest close to school.

